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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT AUSTRALIAN NARCOTICS AGENT IN KUALA LUMPUR

1. AUSTRALIAN (FORMERLY COMMONWEALTH) BUREAU OF
NARCOTICS (ABN) HAS ASSIGNED ITS FIRST AGENT ABROAD, TO SERVE IN
KUALA LUMPUR. SELECTEE IS ROSS BANNISTER, CURRENTLY CHIEF
INVESTIGATOR IN ABN NORTHERN AREA OFFICE IN SYDNEY.
BANNISTER IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE AT POST ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER
7 FOR TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT AS FIRST SECRETARY. HIS AREA OF
RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE MALAYSIA, THAILAND AND SINGAPORE.
ABN HAS GREAT HOPE THIS EXPERIMENT WILL CLEARLY PROVE OF
IMMEDIATE VALUE TO AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN REGIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL AND WILL SOON LEAD TO ASSIGNMENT ADDITIONAL ABN
AGENTS ABROAD IN OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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2. DURING MEETING OCTOBER 26 WITH BRIAN BATES, ACTING DIRECTOR ABN, I HEARTILY WELCOMED INITIATIVE HIS GOVERNMENT IN ESTABLISHING NARCOTICS OFFICER IN KUALA LUMPUR AND PROMISED FULL DEA COOPERATION.

3. COMMENT: FOR LONG TIME ABN HAS BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN GOA APPROVAL TO STATION NARCOTICS AGENTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO SERVE IN LIAISON CAPACITY. AS INITIAL EXPERIMENTAL STEP ONE AGENT FOR KL HAS WON APPROVAL. ABN IS OF COURSE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC SOUTHWARD FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA THROUGH INDONESIA TO AUSTRALIA AND HOPES BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH ABN PRESENCE IN INDONESIA IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. HANNAH

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